

# THE WEEKLY BANNER

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## FOR SENATOR.

Martin M. Kearney, of Austin county, is hereby nominated as the Democratic candidate for the state senate, for the twenty-second senatorial district, to succeed W. K. Houston.

The friends of John F. McCarroll, of Washington county, nominate him as a candidate for State Senator for the Twenty-second Senatorial District.

The *Telegram* says the time is coming when Texas will raise gooseberries as big as pumpkins and pumpkins as large as hogheads. These wonders will take place when Lang is elected governor.

Bishop Ryan, of St. Louis, is of the opinion that there should be no St. Patrick's parade this year, and he suggests that the money usually spent in this sort of nonsense be sent to the starving people of Ireland.

Isreal Boothby, cashier of the First National bank of Augusta, Ga., suicided on Tuesday by jumping into a cistern with weights attached to his feet, and at the same time shooting himself through the head.

The State Grange at the last meeting failed to select an organ and now they are under obligation to any paper. The *Meridian Blade* says "this is a waste step and we hope the order may profit by the change."

Col. Rob Ingersoll recently lectured in Chicago on the life of Tom Paine. The sum of \$1500 was raised by this means for the purpose of erecting a monument to the memory of Paine in one of the squares of that great moral city.

Senator Harris, who has charge of the list of supervisors, says that all from Texas will be confirmed. Those who desire to be appointed census takers for counties can now commence bothering the supervisors already nominated.

The house has passed the jury service bill, declaring that no person shall be required to serve but three weeks during any one year in the United States, courts except to complete the trial of cases begun before the expiration of such term of service.

Dr. Siemens, an eminent telegraph engineer, of Berlin, contends that he was the first to utilize the electric light. He refers to his electric illumination of the imperial arcades at Berlin, which was achieved long before Mr. Edison's experiments.

One of the rules of the house prescribes the duties of a chaplain and requires him to take an oath to discharge his duty. Rev. De La Matry, greenback congressman, said ministers should not be trusted more than any other men. The rule was not amended.

The committee on ways and means are now engaged in hearing the argument on the subject of the duty on steel rails. The bill under consideration was introduced by Covent, of New York, and fixes the duty on rails at \$10 per ton, the present duty being \$28.

A correspondent of the *Galveston News* writing from the Sierra Mojada mines, January 18, says the situation is unfortunate, water and fuel are scarce, and the ore does not pay. Until permanent water is discovered there is no prospect for the Sierra Mojada.

A Missouri paper says the greatest enemy that state has to contend with is the *Globe-Democrat*. It not only uses everything that comes in its way against the state, but seeks to introduce a bill of this kind for publication. It also takes a delectable delight in slandering Texas.

Reagan's amendment to the new rules of the house gives the committee on commerce exclusive jurisdiction and control of the river and harbor bill, and gives the committee the privilege of reporting the bill at their pleasure. The amendment was carried by a vote of 110 to 49.

Our friends of the Houston *Telegram* appears to be pleased that Waco and Belton, both want the Santa Fe railroad. If it is not speedily extended the *Telegram* says there won't be territory enough left to make the road worth a quarrel. Houston would be happy if the road wasn't worth a nickel.

The Pennsylvania republican convention met at Harrisburg on Wednesday. If the convention instructs for Grant his nomination is a certainty, if it instructs against him and in favor of Blaine his chances are completely gone. The prevalent opinion is that Pennsylvania is opposed to a third term.

The San Antonio *Express* of last Sunday is immense. It was intended for a holiday edition but nothing has been lost by the delay. It is a twelve page paper splendidly illustrated by photo-engravings, that of Hans Mickle and Calumity Jins, being of special interest to newspaper men. The *Express* is certainly entitled to the blue ribbon for getting out the holiday paper.

## EDITORIAL BRIEVITIES.

The Grant boom begins to stagger.

The cash balance in the state treasury is now about \$350,000.

The grand lodge of Odd Fellows is now in session at Dallas.

A Mrs. B. Hill was burned to death in Paul's Valley, Indian Territory.

The testimony taken before the senate exodus committee is to be printed.

Prof. Riley's report on the cotton worm has been ordered printed by congress.

An Austin special to the *News* says sales of school and university lands are largely in the increase.

Petitions are being forwarded from New Orleans to the president endorsing Pinback for naval officer.

The Henderson *Times* suggests that the state of Texas purchase the right to use Clement attachment.

Chicago wants the national democratic convention held there this year. St. Louis is in the same condition.

The senate has confirmed quite a number of supervisors census in different states, but none for Texas as yet.

Blaine has been credited with making a good deal of noise down in Maine, and that is about all he has accomplished.

Our neighbors, the *Examiner* and the *Telegraph*, of Waco, are now engaged in a quarrel as to which has the largest circulation.

The United States treasury now contains \$482,000,000 in coin. Some people insist that there is no money in the country.

Geo. W. Childs, of the Philadelphia *Ledger*, donates one thousand dollars toward the relief of the sufferers in Ireland.

The Brownwood *Democrat* thinks Texas will be full of democratic candidates by early spring. The woods are full of candidates.

The Springfield *Republican* calls on the republican voters of Massachusetts to organize at once against the Grant third-term movement.

Brecher is mentioned as a presidential candidate. It won't do, says the San Antonio *Express*. Politics are too much demoralized already.

The Denison *Herald* says the whole occupation tax is wrong from the start and is an injustice which the citizens of Texas should strive to have set aside.

The work of grading on the Santa Fe railway is being pushed right along, the work is nearly completed across the prairie southwest of Caldwell.

There has just been a great snow storm at Nashville, Tenn. Eight or ten inches of snow has fallen and is the heaviest snow experienced in that locality for years.

Since the fall elections and the defeat of Gen. Butler, in Massachusetts, he has disappeared almost entirely from public view. Politically Butler is dead.

A RETURNED exoduster at Houston said: "If de Lord spars me to get home I intend to 'vise every nigger to stay tight wher he is, and let Kansas go to thunder'."

The republican executive committee of Allegheny county in which Pittsburg, is located, instructed the delegates to the national convention to vote for Gen. Grant.

If General Grant reads the leading daily papers throughout the country, he must certainly conclude there is not a very high value placed upon his statesmanlike qualities.

A GREENBACK meeting for Burleson county is called for Saturday, February 14, at Caldwell. It may be that this meeting has something to do with the coming election.

GREENBACK editors are irresponsible, no amount of failures discourages them; as soon as one breaks another starts. The town of Burnet had a greenback paper started on the 1st inst.

FLINT & Co.'s furniture factory in New York has just been burned, loss about \$100,000. The men had been on strike several days and had made threats; it is supposed the building was fired.

It is said that Jay Gould will shortly visit Texas in the interest of his railroads. He now has control of the M., K. and T., and will probably extend it to connect with the Texas and Pacific road.

A SPECIAL to the *News* says there is a report current in Washington that Ex-Governor Davis, of Texas, is favorably considered for commissioner of Indian affairs, vice Hayt, recently decapitated.

BREMONT'S East and West Texas narrow gauge railway is now completed from Houston to Trinity river. An excursion was given on Wednesday and a number of Galvestonians participated in it.

At Llancon, Ont., recently a party of masked men with blackened faces went to the home of one Donnelly and murdered him, his wife, one son and a niece. They then set fire to the house, which, with the murdered people, was totally consumed.

The Grant boom having died out the friends of Sherman are now engaged in manufacturing public opinion in his behalf. Republicans of South Carolina and Florida are now said to be strongly in favor of Sherman.

The Comanche *Chief* wants the G. C. and S. F. road to run through its county and town, and can not understand why it should deviate from its course via Belton, Coryell, Hamilton and Comanche, to go to Waco.

JAMES GORDON BENNETT, of the New York *Herald*, has headed the subscription list for the Irish sufferers, with the name of the *Herald* for \$100,000. Previous to this time all New York city had subscribed only \$5,000.

The Victoria *Advocate* does not have unbounded confidence in governor Roberts. It thinks his recent order for elections to fill vacancies in the legislature, is indicative of his intention to call another extra session of the legislature.

It is reported at Dallas and generally believed that the Dallas and Wichita railroad company have secured means to complete the road to Denton and thence to Whitesboro, which will give the M., K. and T. road a terminus at Dallas.

HON. CHAS. STEWART, of Houston, writes a letter to the *Galveston News*, in which he denies seeking political preferment, but wants the reforms sought in the legislature. He thinks the democrats should work inside the party.

The charges of dishonesty against Indian commissioner Hayt are found to be true. He is charged, among other things, with corruption in connection with an Arizona mining scheme.

It will be found that others besides Hayt have been speculating wrongfully.

Don Cameron would doubtless like the opportunity to extend the toe of his boot near enough to civil service reform to aid in his hasty precipitation out of sight and out of hearing.

Senator Conkling would be sure to give it the same consideration, if it lounded toward him.

The Luling *Signal* gives a history of the man Woodruff, who wrote the slanderous letter to the New York *Tribune*.

Woodruff lived at Luling for several years and had the character of being a shiftless worthless vagabond and general loafer. He claimed to be from Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Very rich deposits of minerals have been found in Gunnison county, western Colorado. The discoveries are said to exceed in quantity and quality anything hitherto known in the state. Prospectors are flocking to that region and if the reports are not exaggerated a second Leadville will soon spring into existence.

It is an easy matter to make calculations, but a very different thing to accomplish the result of the calculation. The *St. Louis Globe-Democrat* thinks that every Irishman in America would forego his toddy on Patrick's day and send the money to Ireland, at least a \$1,000,000 would be raised.

The Gainesville *Register* wants the coming state convention to declare emphatically in favor of an amendment to the constitution permitting the expenditures of money for immigration purposes, within a fixed limit, and for more liberal appropriations for the free schools.

The *Banner* shakes hands with the *Register* over that suggestion.

The Denison *News* says the exodus, as far as Texas is concerned, is at an end. Hardly a day passes that some of the poor deluded exodusters do not arrive in Denison from Kansas.

The fever is cooling down a little now, but in the fall as soon as crops are gathered they will take a new start, without waiting to vote the republican ticket to president.

A DISPATCH from Fort Buford, D. T., says on January 29 a party of Gros Ventres and a band of Uncompag, who had raided the former's camp and driven off a lot of ponies, had a bloody battle. Fifteen warriors were killed, and the Gros Ventres recovered their ponies.

The Indians are much excited and a general row along the Yellowstone is expected early in the spring.

THE clause in the penal code which declares that if any person shall get drunk, or be found in a state of intoxication, in a public place, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction before a court of competent jurisdiction, may be fined in a sum of not more than \$100, is being quite extensively published. This law so far as the state is concerned is wholly unobserved.

SEVERAL New York parties were before the railway committee of the senate and the house in relation to the extension of the International railroad from San Antonio to Laredo.

The committee are hearing different companies on this question, and it is thought will select from among them the one most able to complete the work.

The San Antonio *Herald* is in favor of the state establishing an immigration bureau at the earliest possible moment—it requiring a constitutional amendment to do so. Kansas and Nebraska have been settled up through the agency of the state bureaus of immigration and why not Texas. The state has sufficient funds to support a population as great as that of the entire United States.

The testimony in the Spofford-Kellogg case has been concluded. The majority report will be signed by all the democratic members, who, it is said, will recommend the ousting of Kellogg and seating of Spofford.

The papers are devoting some space to Norton's *Intelligencer*, a republican paper published at Dallas, which recently published an article to the effect that the southern democrats are trying to break up the government. Norton's paper has a very limited circulation and no influence whatever. His articles are not worth noticing and should have been treated with silent contempt.

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Calhoun mounted his horse and escaped. Officers are in pursuit and hopes are entertained of his speedy capture.

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The former name was entirely too long and drew very heavily upon time and the Italian case. The *Herald* is a lively, progressive and conservative newspaper and has the *BANNER*'s best wishes for its success. It is the representative paper of North Texas and as such should have a wide circulation.

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There are not a great many republicans in McLennan county, but those that are there are beginning to exhibit more active interest in political affairs than for a long time past. They favor an active partisan support of the national ticket.

The *Telegraph* says as regards state politics, they say a state ticket would simply be time and labor lost, and they will be ready to lend their aid to an independent movement, if the nominees be conservative and progressive men. They propose applying this rule of action to county as well as state offices.

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The convention nominated auditor general and justice of the supreme court; and after adopting the report of the committees and appointing delegates to the Chicago national convention adjourned.

The delegates to the national convention are instructed to vote for Grant for presidential nominee, and vote as a unit. Protective tariff means high tariff and is in the interests of the Pennsylvania iron manufacturers.

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## WHOSE FAULT?

The Gonzales *Inquirer* refers to the last legislature and says that perhaps two-thirds of its members were chosen in a rough and tumble race, and without any regard to their fitness.

It says "we need active, fresh, intelligent, vigorous, progressive, conservative men in our legislature. We have been worn out with ignorance, stupidity and old fogyism." There is much truth in this and it should teach a lesson for the future. People are exhausted, and the legislature is a body of men who are tired and worn out.

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## WHO PAYS THE TAXES?

Grand master Lang of the state grange has a favorite theory regarding taxation, which is in plain language that the farmer pays all the taxes, no matter how many exceptions there may be, or who pays the taxes.

The Denison *News* says "if Lang be correct, why not assess all the taxes on the farmer at once and not other occupations? It would save expense and simplify matters very much." The *News* thinks this is an ingenious sophistry invented to tickle the farmer, and boost the author into popularity for the gubernatorial race.

In the abstract Lang is correct, all the wealth of a country comes out of the ground; it is the product of the soil. The farmers are the principal producers; upon the productiveness of the soil depends the wealth of a country—to this extent Mr. Lang's assertion is correct. But unfortunately for his theory there are other classes of people besides farmers; if all other occupations were done away with the farmer would soon be reduced to a primeval condition. As the country is made up of different occupations, and as each occupation is taxed to the utmost limit, it is evident that the farmer does not pay all the taxes; it is the other occupations that makes the farmer prosperous by creating a demand for the products of the farm; without them there would be no occasion for the farmer to raise more produce than he needs for his own consumption. If this assumption be true, then Mr. Lang's theory falls to the ground. As the tax laws now stands the farmers are perhaps taxed as lightly as any other class, perhaps more lightly. In making up the new tax law the last legislature seems to have exercised a vast amount of ingenuity in inventing means to tax everybody and everything except farmers.

The constitution puts a limit to the ad valorem tax, and beyond that limit the farmer is out of reach; he may, as claimed, by Mr. Lang, pay all the taxes in the long run, but in doing so the earnings of men engaged in other professions are very materially reduced, they do not find any more money in their pockets by the farmers having paid all the taxes. Death and taxation are two things that are inevitable; death is inexorable and no one escapes, but with taxation it is different; taxes must be paid and somebody must pay them; the question is who? and here arises the scramble to shift the responsibility of taxpaying from one class to another; those who succeed in escaping the tax collector, considering themselves especially favored by providence. In order that taxation may be perfectly equal it must be perfectly equal. To bring about this equalization is a problem for legislators to solve. If taxation were equal the farmers would not pay it all as claimed by Lang, and he fails or neglects to tell how this unequal division of taxation may be avoided.

## Capl. H. H. Kenney.

This gentleman, who is the democratic nominee for the state senate, is an old Texan and has been a citizen of Austin county for many years and is thoroughly conversant with the wants of the people of this district, and is perhaps as well versed in the affairs of the state as any one. He is a highly educated and accomplished gentleman of quiet and unassuming manner and is universally popular with those who are so fortunate as to enjoy his acquaintance. He is a sound democrat and will make a hard-working and useful member of the legislature, if elected. Let every democrat turn out and vote on the 17th inst. and his election is assured.

## Colman's Rural World.

This excellent Farm Journal is almost indispensable to the Farmer, Fruit Grower and Stock-Raiser. It is the only journal in America that has a department devoted to the culture of Sargro for Syrup and Sugar. It entered its thirty-third year on the first of January, and has the best men in the West and South contributing to its columns on all branches of Agriculture. It gives splendid premiums for both small and large clubs. It is published weekly at \$1.50 per year, by Norman J. Colman, 600 Olive St. Louis, Mo. Sample Copies free. Send for one.

There is but little doubt that the Democratic National Convention can decide upon candidates who can carry New York, Indiana, New Jersey, Connecticut, California and Oregon, providing the republicans nominate Grant.

Tomatoes struck from cuttings bear much earlier than when grown from seed.

## STATE NEWS.

Comanche wants a graded school.

The Wallace sisters are to appear in Denison this week.

The supply of flour and meal is somewhat short at Mason.

Thomas Cohn's store at Helena, west Texas, was burned a few days since.

Talk on whiskey, is the caption of an article in the San Antonio *Express*.

Sherman already has five candidates out for city marshal election in April.

Anderson, Grimes county, now has two schools—private—and will soon have a third.

Calvert had a small fire on Monday night; half a block of old frame houses were burned.

Dr. J. W. Williams, for 30 years a citizen of Bastrop, is dead. He died on the 4th inst., aged 79.

The meeting of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., at Dallas has crowded that city with strangers.

The revival meeting is still in progress at Houston; Maj. Penn appears to have been doing good work.

The snow at Dallas blocked the street cars and the tracks had to be cleared before the cars could "navigate."

Morgan is the name of a new town on the Waco extension of the Central road. This Morgan is in Bosque county.

Professor Cavor, the balloonist, is repairing his big balloon and will next summer make an ascension from Houston.

The recent rains were quite general, extending all over the northern and western portion of the state and as far west as Austin.

The steamer Aransas was at Corpus on Monday, being the first steamer that has crossed the bar since November a year ago.

The Victoria *Advocate* says much complaint exists that a number of half grown negro boys hang around town without doing any work.

The Tyler *Democrat* says some men are already beginning to take a stronger and more friendly grip of your hand—they are candidates.

The First City National bank has just been organized at Dallas with a capital of \$1,000,000. Pretty heavy bank for a town like Dallas.

The new iron bridge across the Brazos river, on the Central extension, four miles west of Whitney, is finished and has stood a satisfactory test.

The funeral of marshal Ball at Sherman on Tuesday was largely attended. Ball was from Mayville, Kentucky and went to Sherman in 1872.

The residence of Rev. H. H. Hall, at Denison, was burned on Sunday night while he was holding service in the M. E. church. Loss about \$800.

A German boy 17 years of age arrived in Galveston en route to San Antonio, but falling into the hand of the vampires soon lost all his money.

The Comanche *Chief* learns that nearly all the bees in the county are dead. Starved to death on account of the drought last summer and fall.

Bonham is a prosperous and fortunate town; there is a surplus of \$700 or \$800 in the city treasury. In view of this fact taxes have been reduced.

Fannin county has a man with the beautiful name of "Onion" Cox; the Bonham *News* announces that Onion will not be a candidate for county judge.

Considering this as good a time as any to make the fight on the school question, the Bonham *News* proposes to support a free school man from its district.

Marshal Sam Ball, of Sherman, who was shot last week at the "Red Light," died on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. He was a good officer and was well liked.

Everybody in San Antonio says "we must build a narrow gauge railroad to the gulch." But nobody offers to put up